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the specification of which: *(complete (a), (b) or (c))*

(a) ☒ is attached hereto.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and that the filing of said specification, if heretofore filed, was authorized by me.

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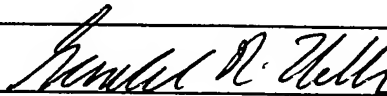
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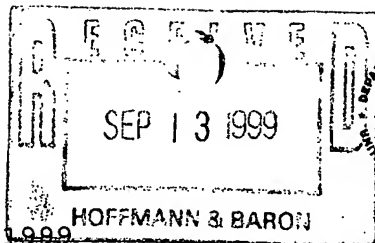
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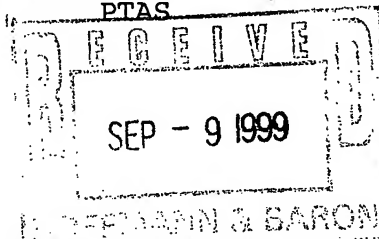




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Date: ☒ 6/7/99

☒ Gerald R. Heller  
Gerald R. Heller

Date: ☒ 6/7/99

☒ Wayne Mareiro  
Wayne Mareiro

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Janne J. Schaefer  
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